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Please delete claims 1-44 and replace with the following:

45. (new) A document annotation system comprising:

a secure or non-secure web page comprising:

- a. interactive learning programs;
- b. an annotation field; and
- c. users comprising one or more instructors and one or more students.

46. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said web page is an internet web page.

47. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said web page is an intranet web page.

48. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said annotation field is automatically displayed upon entry into said interactive learning program.

49. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said one or more instructors create said interactive learning programs.

50. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said one or more students participate in said interactive learning programs.

51. (new) The system of claim 50 wherein said one or more students utilize said annotation field to take notes during participation in said interactive learning programs.

52. (new) The system of claim 51 wherein said one or more students saves the notes to the web page.

53. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

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54. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein all users can search all saved notes.
55. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein all instructors can search all saved notes.
56. (new) The system of claim 55 wherein improvements are made to the interactive learning program based on the instructors review of the notes.
57. (new) The system of claim 51 wherein said one or more students saves the notes simultaneously to his location and to the web page.
58. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.
59. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein all users can search all saved notes on the web page.
60. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein all instructors can search all saved notes on the web page.
61. (new) The system of claim 60 wherein improvements are made to the interactive learning program based on the instructors review of the notes.
62. (new) A method for annotating documents accessed during an interactive learning program, the method comprising:
- a. logging into a secure or non-secure web page comprising:
 - i. interactive learning programs; and
 - ii. an annotation field;
 - b. choosing one interactive learning program;

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- c. typing notes into the annotation field;
- d. saving the notes.

63. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said web page is an internet web page.

64. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said web page is an intranet web page.

65. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said annotation field is automatically displayed upon entry into said interactive learning program.

66. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein the notes are saved to the web page.

67. (new) The method of claim 66 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

68. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein the notes are saved simultaneously to a user's location and to the web page.

69. (new) The method of claim 68 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

Claims 1-44 are cancelled. Claims 45-69 are currently before the Examiner for reconsideration.

Claims 45-61 are new claims directed to a system for annotating documents viewed on an educational web site and find support in claims 39, 41, 43; Figures 1-4 (secure or non-secure web page); page 2, lines 26-34 (instructors, students); page 3, lines 20-30 (educational programs); page 8, lines 2-9 (annotation tool resident at web site, automatically active whenever user enters);

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page 9, lines 2-3 (notes stored at both locations); page 10, lines 9-11 (annotation field generated automatically); page 12, lines 25-33 and page 13, lines 1-2 (user accesses notes without access to course), lines 20-22 (mandatory note access) and lines 23-25 (instructors use notes to improve course). Claims 62-69 are new claims directed to a method for annotating documents accessed on an educational web site and find support in claims 1-3, 6, 8, 14-16, 33-37 and Figures 1-4.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. It is Applicant's position that the amendments made herein are broader than actually required by the prior art and should not be construed as limiting any future doctrine of equivalents to matter that was not anticipated. However, to advance prosecution, and also to ease claim drafting, Applicant contends that these amendments place the application in a condition for allowance.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to Figure 15 for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because reference sign 54 is not mentioned in the description. The specification has been amended to include reference sign 54 at page 16, line 17.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification. The amendments submitted herewith rectify the Examiner's objections.

35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 41 was rejected under 35 USC 112. Claim 41 has been cancelled.